

Scouts mark 85th birthday

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Eighty five years ago, a Georgia native wanted to give girls an opportunity to pursue a wide variety of interests and skills. So she established the Girl Scouts, which continues to support girls of all ages in academic and social endeavors.

Started by Juliet Low in 1912, the Girl Scouts are now found all over the world. Locally, there are 350 girls and 220 adults registered in the East Anglia Girl Scouts. This makes them the largest group of Girl Scouts in Europe.

According to Stephanie King, leader of troop J32 and public relations spokesperson, being on a military base can be complicated for the group.

"Getting permission for activities can be time-consuming," said King, "but the base and the commanders are very supportive."

The additional red tape made necessary by being on a military base overseas is a small price to pay for the opportunities it offers, she said.

For example, "You can't get an Austria patch in the States," said King.

The girls earn patches by completing projects in the areas of interest to the troop. Different countries offer their own unique patches. The U.S. Girl Scout chapters don't have the choices offered by RAF Lakenheath's location.

Through these activities, King hopes the girls will learn independence, self-esteem, morality and the value of budgeting money. The well-known cookie and calendar sales provide funds to supplement Girl Scout activities and Girl Grants. A Girl Grant offers assistance to girls who can't afford to participate in Girl Scouts.

"We won't turn away any girl who wants to participate and can't afford to," explains King.

The actual fee paid by a Girl Scout when she joins (usually less than \$10) is spent on mandatory insurance. All materials and activity costs are covered by fund-raising, donations and the Girl Scout families.

Girls from 5 to 18 years old are invited to join Girl Scouts. There is always a need for women and men to participate as leaders and co-leaders. For more information, contact the Girl Scout hut, Bldg. 121, at Ext. 1675 on school days from 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Girl Scout week schedule

- March 8** Girl Scout reunion for adults and Senior Girl Scouts - \$3 at the RAF Mildenhall chapel
- March 9** Party from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the skating rink
- March 10** Camp songs from 4:30 - 6 p.m. at the RAF Mildenhall chapel
- March 11** Arts-and-crafts tour at 4:30 and 5 p.m.
- March 12** Flag ceremony at Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall. An adult reveille is at 6 a.m. and the Girl Scout retreat is at 4 p.m.
- March 13** Fitness awareness seminar from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. at the skating rink.
- March 14 - 16** Lakenheath and Mildenhall libraries scavenger hunt.



Photo by SSgt. Valerie Weaver

Lakenheath scrapbook

Barb Meduna (left) from the Medical Group Auxiliary, Mina Owens and Capt. Sophia Daldine hang a quilt in the pediatrics clinic donated by the group. The auxiliary also donated smocks for the pediatric staff to wear and \$100 to the OB loss counselors.

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Community

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Group conference room, Bldg. 1165. This training is mandatory for all Department of Defense civilians beginning service. For more information, call Ext. 3553.

ESC spring bazaar

The enlisted spouses club's spring bazaar is open from 3:30 - 7 p.m. March 14 for military identification card holders only. The bazaar is open to the public from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. March 15 and from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. March 16. The bank hours will be from 1 - 5 p.m. March 16. For more information, call (01638) 532319.

Lost, found

The 48th Security Police Squadron is responsible for lost-and-found items. For more information, call Ext. 2447.

Scholarships

□ The community scholarship association accepts applications for vocational-school and college-bound high-school seniors and graduating family members attending British schools. Selection is based on student grades, ACT/

SAT scores, course-load difficulty, extracurricular activities, goals and ambitions. Application deadline is March 14. For more information, call (01638) 533191.

Long-term parking lot

The long-term parking lot at RAF Mildenhall is closed now. People should move their cars by March 14 for a construction project. An interim parking lot is set up across from the softball field in front of the recycling center. For more information, call SSgt. Glenn Languirand at 89-2060.

University of Oklahoma

The University of Oklahoma sponsors the graduate-level course Career Development: Organizational and Individual Approaches, April 29 - May 4. The class meets from 6 - 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays - Fridays and from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Students may enroll until March 28.

The university also offers a 34-hour non-thesis Master of Human Relations Degree. Because a course is offered every month, it's possible to obtain the degree in 1.5 years to two years. For more information, call Barbara Lamont at Ext. 3125.